

REMARKS

1. The Amendments and the Support Therefor

Amendments to the Drawings: The attached replacement drawing sheet, which replaces the original drawing sheet 1, includes an illustration of the outer sheath of claims 36 and 42. Thus, the objections to the drawings have been obviated.

Amendments to the Specification: The specification has been amended to add discussion of the outer sheath of claims 36 and 42. Thus, the objections to the specification have been obviated.


Amendments to the Claims: Three claims (25, 36 and 42) have been canceled, and claims 22, 37, 38 and 43 have been amended to leave claims 22-35, 37-41 and 43 in the application. No new matter has been added by the amendments, wherein:

- ***Independent claim 22*** has been amended to incorporate allowed claim 36 (now canceled), and thus claim 22 and its dependent claims 23-37 should be allowable.
- ***Claim 37*** is amended to comport with the cancellation of claim 36.
- ***Independent claim 38*** has been amended to incorporate allowed claim 42 (now canceled), and thus claim 38 and its dependent claims 39-41 should be allowable.
- ***Independent claim 43*** has been amended to include matter deemed allowable in claims 36 and 42, and thus claim 43 should be allowable.

2. In Closing

If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- PTO-2038 (\$510)
- Replacement Drawing 1